

REMARKS

This is in response to an Office Action that was mailed on September 4, 2008. Claims 27, 31, 32 and 34-36 were pending in that action. All claims were rejected. With the present response, claims 27, 31, 32 and 34-46 have been cancelled. New claims 47-66 have been added.

Up to the present time, prosecution in the present case has centered primarily around rejections based on an article attributed to Andi Wu entitled “Customizable Segmentation of Morphologically Derived Words in Chinese.” This article appears to have been published in February of 2003.

Applicant is attaching hereto a Declaration from an inventor in the present case, namely Jianfeng Gao. Attached to the Declaration as Exhibit A is a draft report outlining an ongoing project pertaining to a Chinese lexical services platform at Microsoft Research Asia. The inventor, in the Declaration, attests to the fact that he prepared the draft report of Exhibit A prior to February of 2003.

It is respectfully pointed out that the report of Exhibit A outlines in great detail embodiments described in the present application. There is description of embodiments as claimed in the new claims 47-66 submitted herewith. Applicant also notes the description in the Exhibit A draft of actual experiments performed (See Section 7).

It is respectfully submitted that the Declaration and the associated Exhibit A together amount to concrete evidence of Applicant’s reduction to practice of the invention of claims 47-66 submitted herewith. Further, the evidence also substantiates the reduction of practice on a date prior to February of 2003. Accordingly, it is respectfully pointed out that the evidence submitted herewith is enough to swear behind the Wu reference that has repeatedly been cited in the present case. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner remove the cited Wu reference from the body of prior art available in the present case as being sworn behind by the Applicant.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and allow new claims 47-66 in light of the fact that Applicant has now sworn behind the primary cited reference of

record. Consideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited. In summary, it is respectfully submitted that claims 47-66 are in allowable form. Consideration and allowance of these claims are respectfully solicited. The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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